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## CURRENT TOPICS

### New Year Honours

SOLICITORS featuring in the New Year Honours List include Mr. DONALD KABERRY, T.D., M.P., member of the Council of The Law Society from 1950 to 1955, upon whom a baronetcy is to be conferred; Mr. THOMAS WINLACK HARLEY, M.B.E., M.C., and Mr. DUNCAN MORRIS OPPENHEIM, chairman of the British American Tobacco Company, who will each receive a knighthood; Mr. HAROLD BEDALE, O.B.E., Town Clerk of Hornsey, and Mr. WILLIAM TIMOTHY DONOVAN, both of whom are appointed C.B.E. We congratulate these gentlemen and all the other lawyers who have been honoured and whose names are set out on pp. 28 and 29 of this issue. Next week we shall publish a list of solicitors whose names appear in the Military Division of the Honours List.

### The Judiciary

LORD JUSTICE MORRIS is to be a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary in place of LORD SOMERVELL OF HARROW who has resigned. The new law lord, now aged 63, has had a distinguished legal career; he was called by the Inner Temple in 1921, took silk in 1935 and was a High Court judge from 1945 until 1951 when he became a Lord Justice of Appeal. LORD JUSTICE ROMER has resigned from the Court of Appeal. The Court of Appeal vacancies are to be filled by Mr. JUSTICE DEVLIN and Mr. JUSTICE UPJOHN. The former was appointed a High Court judge of the King's Bench Division in 1948 and president of the Restrictive Practices Court in 1956; the latter has been a judge in the Chancery Division since 1951 and a judge of the Restrictive Practices Court since 1956. Mr. JUSTICE VAISEY is today retiring from the Bench having been senior judge of the Chancery Division since 1946. We wish the promoted judges continued success and those leaving the Bench happiness in their well-earned retirement.

### Trustee Investments

We have the authority of the City page of *The Times*, among others, for the statement that the 'fifties have been the decade of the equity. There is thus a certain piquancy in the announcement, made as the decade drew to a close, that the Government propose to introduce legislation to allow trustees, subject to safeguards, not only to invest any part of the trust funds in a wide range of fixed-interest securities but also to invest up to half of the trust funds in shares of certain companies. In the end the Government have gone so far that we think they might have put on the coping stone

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by removing undated Government stocks from the trustee list altogether but we must not criticise in detail when there is so much to applaud in principle. The fundamental change in attitude which is enshrined in the White Paper (summarised on p. 35 of this issue) is the recognition that there are no investments, except small savings and mortgages, which are naturally right for trustees in all circumstances. The result of this recognition is that under the proposed new law no trustee other than a trust corporation will be able to invest in securities, apart from small savings and mortgages, except on written advice from "a competent professional financial adviser such as a stockbroker, accountant or bank manager." Let us make it clear at once that we do not want solicitors to be included in the list. Stockbrokers are the people to advise and we accept the inclusion of bank managers because in practice they ask for the advice of their bank's brokers. With all respect, however, we wonder whether all accountants can be regarded as experts on investment.

### Science and Law

THE British Academy of Forensic Sciences was formed last year in order to ensure that in legal proceedings the fullest use should be made of scientific research. The conditions which existed before 1939 have altered, partly because of advances in scientific knowledge and partly because of changes in the quality and amount of crime and civil litigation. Whereas once a science graduate could undertake many of the examinations demanded, now a much higher degree of specialisation is called for if all the advances in modern science are to be used. In addition, the apparatus required has become more complicated and expensive. The new Academy is much more than a society. Its objects are to encourage the study, improve the practice and advance the knowledge of the forensic sciences, and to do all such things as may be calculated to widen, improve and develop the education and knowledge both of those actively engaged in the pursuit of the forensic sciences and of the public. The Academy will set up special committees, of which the most important will be the Education and Research Committee, and there is hope that financial support will become available to institute special lines of research which may ultimately lead to new methods in the investigation and control of crime.

### No Real Consent

THE recent news that a Scottish girl, in a suit filed in Miami, is seeking annulment of her marriage, which was solemnised in Kirkcaldy, on the ground that she married as a result of alleged "parental tyranny," has raised the question as to when a marriage will be held to be voidable on the ground of duress. In English law it is necessary for a valid marriage that the parties should consent to marry one another, and it follows that if a person is induced to go through a ceremony of marriage by threats or duress the marriage will be voidable, possibly void, as there was no real consent to it. For example, in *Barilett (falsely called Rice) v. Rice* (1895), 72 L.T. 122, a man said to have been thirty-four years of age, after paying to a girl of sixteen attentions which she rejected, threatened to "blow her brains out" if she would not consent to marry him, and produced from his pocket a pistol, which he held at her head. She then promised to marry him on condition that he put away the pistol, which he did. The parties went through a ceremony of marriage at a registry office, but Sir F. H. Jeune held that the marriage was null and void as it

"was brought about by a combination of force and fraud." A similar point arose in *Parojic (otherwise Ivetic) v. Parojic* [1958] 1 W.L.R. 1280, where the father, who had fought with anti-communist forces in Yugoslavia, threatened to send his daughter, the petitioner, back to that land if she did not marry the respondent. There was also evidence that the father struck his daughter during an argument about the marriage and the parties went through a ceremony of marriage at a registry office on the following day. DAVIES, J., granted a decree of nullity as the petitioner had never consented to the marriage, but had been driven to go through the ceremony by terror instilled in her by her father's threats. However, it is important to note that his lordship was inclined to think that the effect of duress on a marriage is to render it voidable, but not void.

### Dangerous Dogs

ANY court of summary jurisdiction may take cognizance of a complaint that a dog is dangerous, and not kept under proper control, and if it appears to the court having cognizance of such complaint that such dog is dangerous, the court may make an order in a summary way directing the dog to be kept by the owner under proper control or destroyed, and any person failing to comply with such order shall be liable to a penalty (s. 2 of the Dogs Act, 1871). This section contemplates two quite separate proceedings, viz.: (a) an administrative process involving an order by the court as to what is to be done with the dog, and (b) a criminal process in respect of failure to comply with an administrative order (*Haldane v. Allan* [1956] S.L.T. 325). The Bridlington magistrates have recently declared null and void proceedings which led to the making of an order to keep a dangerous dog under control as those proceedings were begun by an information, not by a complaint, as required by s. 2 of the 1871 Act. We imagine that s. 42 of the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1952, does not apply in these circumstances as at the time of making the order "there is no question of any offence, and no question of any penalty" (per Lord Mackenzie in *Walker v. Brander* [1920] S.C. (J.) 20).

### Evidence of Speeding

IN our issue of 25th December, 1959, we drew attention to the dismissal by the Horsham magistrates of a prosecution for exceeding the speed limit which depended solely on the evidence of two police officers who said that they estimated the speed of the vehicle in question as it came towards them (see "Evidence of Speeding," 103 Sol. J. 1034). The Shoreham, Sussex, magistrates have recently taken the same course. Three police officers said that they estimated the speed of the defendant's motor-cycle combination in a built-up area at considerably more than 30 m.p.h., but counsel for the defence submitted that prosecutions which rested upon such evidence constituted "a menace to the liberty of the subject." The magistrates dismissed the case as they were not satisfied beyond all reasonable doubt as to the guilt of the accused but it is important to note that the chairman, Sir ARTHUR HOWARD, said that they were "not attempting to lay down a general pattern that under no circumstances can we convict on an estimation of speed made by experienced police officers." Indeed, in the same court two other motorists were fined for the same offence of which the evidence was of a similar character, but in both cases the accused pleaded guilty to the charge.



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## THE NEW SUPREME COURT COSTS RULES

THE Supreme Court Costs Rules, 1959, came into force on 1st January, 1960. They are a first instalment of a general revision of the Rules of the Supreme Court. The old rules as to costs, except Ord. 65, rr. 6, 6A, 6B and 7, dealing with security for costs, are all gone. But to a very large extent the new rules re-enact in a simpler and better arranged form what was the substance and effect of the old rules. There are, nevertheless, a number of reforms of varying importance, and it is proposed in this article to draw attention to those which are likely to make the most immediate practical impact on the profession.

### Reform of the old Appendix N

By far the most important of these is the reform of the old App. N, which long operated as a sort of strait jacket into which, in contentious business, every solicitor had to fit his bill of costs. The contention of The Law Society that this was no longer a practical method of assessing the fees of professional men, looking merely to quantity of jobs done and ignoring almost entirely the quality of the work, did not win acceptance from the Evershed Committee in 1953, and has not won entire acceptance from the Lord Chancellor to-day, perhaps because of the desirability of giving some detailed shape to a bill which is likely in most cases to be taxed. There still remains therefore an appendix of scheduled charges, now named App. 2 instead of App. N, to which the costs of an action have to be related. But App. 2 has been greatly modified so as to take a long step towards meeting in spirit the contentions of The Law Society. It has, at the same time, aimed at adjusting the level of costs allowed so as to meet the change in the value of money, and give a party about half as much again on the taxation of an average bill of costs. The main differences between App. N and App. 2 are accordingly as follows:—

(1) The old 50 per cent. increase under Ord. 65, rr. 10 (2) (d) and 10A, no longer applies, but substantially higher fees are included, which it is not intended to vary further by percentage adjustments under Solicitors' Remuneration Orders.

(2) The number of separate items is reduced from 204 to 104, chiefly by grouping related items under a single head, partly by discarding obsolete items.

(3) A lot more discretion is given to the taxing officers. There is no longer a higher and lower scale, but there are many items where the taxing officer may exercise his discretion between a higher and a lower limit, and a number of items which, like the old instructions for brief, are entirely discretionary.

(4) Instead of instructions for brief there is now a new and most important item, instructions for trial or hearing. This item applies to all proceedings, whether or not there are witnesses, is entirely discretionary and extensive in range, and will in future form the main basis on which a solicitor obtains a fair reward for his industry and skill. It includes taking instructions at all stages of the action, attending on and corresponding with the client, interviews and correspondence with witnesses, considering the facts and the law, perusing all relevant documents, negotiations for settlement and generally the care and conduct of the proceedings.

(5) There is a similar new item, equally wide in scope, termed "instructions for appeal."

(6) In Pt. X of App. 2 there are set out general principles governing the taxation of costs which correspond very broadly with the considerations controlling the taxation of a Sched. II bill in a non-contentious matter. Thus, the amount or value of the money or property involved is now a relevant consideration, and may well justify a much higher fee in a case where large figures are involved.

### Appendix 3

Less important than App. 2 in the new rules is App. 3. This appendix deals with fixed costs, and replaces first the old App. P, which fixed the scale of costs of a successful plaintiff who brought an action in the High Court which he could have brought in the county court, and, secondly, the tables of fixed costs in the Queen's Bench Division approved by the Masters, which are set out in the Annual Practice, 1960, at pp. 2554-7. No increase in costs is effected in the cases formerly covered by App. P where less than £300 is recovered, but in other cases substantially increased fixed costs are allowed.

### Provision for appeal on quantum

Another major reform is the provision in the new r. 35 (1) that a party dissatisfied with the amount allowed in respect of any item by a taxing officer may apply to a judge for an order to review. It is intended by this provision to abrogate the old practice whereby the court would ordinarily only review the decision of a taxing officer where he had gone wrong in principle, but regarded questions of mere quantum as matters for his discretion, which ought not to be disturbed. The language used in this paragraph is not very clear in its effect, because under the old rules there was always a theoretical jurisdiction to review on quantum, and it is the practice of the courts in not interfering with the discretion of the taxing officers which required to be altered, not the extent of the jurisdiction itself. There is no doubt, however, as to the purpose which the reference to amount in r. 35 (1) was designed by the draftsman to effect, and presumably it will be construed in accordance with this purpose. There are some minor changes in procedure on review, including provision whereby summonses to review will in future be ordinarily heard in chambers in all divisions, whereas the old practice was to adjourn into court in the Chancery Division.

### Counsel's fees

Then of much practical importance is a small provision hidden away in para. 2 (1) (a) of Pt. X of App. 2, which provides that, except in legal aid cases and in the taxation of fees payable by the Crown, no fee to counsel shall be allowed unless it has been agreed by the solicitor instructing counsel before taxation. This means before taxation ever commences, and it is not therefore like the old provision that counsel's voucher for his fees must be produced before the taxation is concluded by the issue by the taxing officer of his certificate. Under the old system it often happened that counsel's fees in an action, other than the brief fee, had not been formally agreed by the solicitor when taxation commenced, although counsel's clerk might have rendered a fee note. The taxing officer would then express his view as to what should be allowed to counsel on taxation for the work done; and in some cases, particularly of course where the fees were payable out of a fund in administration proceedings, the solicitor or



his clerk would then urge counsel's clerk to reduce any excess fees to the amount proposed by the taxing officer. This request was not easy to resist, and in the result the amount of counsel's fee was not truly negotiated between his clerk and his instructing solicitor, but was fixed rather in the taxing office. Under the new rule it will be necessary to agree all counsel's fees before the taxation commences. The solicitor will then be under an obligation to pay such agreed fees by the etiquette of the profession irrespective of the result of the taxation; and the taxing officer, when he comes to tax the bill, will have the benefit of this agreed fee before him as an indication of what was agreed as fair by parties bargaining from opposed interests. Failure to agree the fee will carry dire penalties, but presumably no very formal evidence of agreement will be required.

#### Codification of existing bases of taxation

The last really important change effected by the new rules is an attempt to codify the existing bases of taxation. Under the old rules costs were normally, of course, awarded as between party and party, but there were various graduations of solicitor and client costs, including costs payable out of the Legal Aid Fund (see *Gibbs v. Gibbs* [1952] P. 332), and finally, in favour of trustees, the more generous rule declared by *Re Grimthorpe* [1958] Ch. 615, whereby a trustee ought not to be deprived of any of his costs except in so far as he has conducted himself improperly in the matter of the trust. There was also the quite separate method of taxing costs as between solicitor and own client pursuant to the Solicitors Act, 1957.

The new rules (28, 29 and 31) replace the various solicitor and client bases by a single common fund basis, which is intended to represent the same basis as is at present applied in legal aid taxations, and provide statutory formulae for each basis. The framing of these formulae has proved a difficult and intractable task, and is perhaps not entirely successful in the result. For example under the party and party basis "proper" costs are to be allowed and under the common fund basis "reasonable" costs, but in *Francis v. Francis and Dickerson* [1956] P. 87, at p. 95, Sachs, J., described "reasonable" and "proper" as "interchangeable expressions" for the purpose of assessing costs. Then again

in r. 31 (2) provision is made that a trustee's costs may be disallowed not only where they shall not have been incurred by the trustee in accordance with his duty as such, but also if for "any other reason" he should be ordered to pay them personally. The difficulty of justifying these last words led to a debate in the House of Commons on a motion to annul the rules (*Hansard*, vol. 615, cols. 1181 to 1205), and there is a possibility that the form of this rule may be reconsidered by the Rule Committee (see 103 SOL. J. 1033).

Meanwhile, it will be wise to assume, until at any rate the contrary is decided, that the new formulae are intended to and do in fact broadly represent the old bases of taxation, applied under the old rules as a matter of practice and judicial decision rather than under any formula. The machinery for applying the various bases is somewhat altered. For example, a trustee will get his costs taxed on a trustee basis just because he is a trustee and not ordinarily by virtue of any order so to tax them.

#### Minor changes

There remain one or two changes of minor importance which nevertheless deserve a brief special mention. Thus the rule in *Re Blyth and Fanshawe* (1882), 10 Q.B.D. 207, has been modified, so as to permit a solicitor to charge for an unusual expense which he affirmatively shows to have been reasonable in the circumstances, even although he did not warn his client that the expense might not be allowed on taxation. Refreshers to counsel may now be allowed in proceedings where no oral evidence is taken, and the amount thereof is discretionary and not subject to a maximum of ten guineas. This maximum was in fact evaded by the exercise by the taxing officers of their discretion under the principle laid down in *Re Ermen* [1903] 2 Ch. 156. This principle still applies. Finally, under the old rules only the district registrars of Liverpool and Manchester had power to tax the costs of solicitors in contentious business under the Solicitors Act, 1957. This power is now extended to other district registrars.

Once these new rules have become familiar to the profession and have received a little judicial interpretation where they raise points of doubt, they should very greatly facilitate the understanding and administration of this complex branch of the law.

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On the 7th January, 1860, THE SOLICITORS' JOURNAL wrote: "The result of the trial of Mr. David Hughes is such as most people anticipated and few will regret. The fact of his having been a solicitor is known to every person who reads a newspaper, and, of course, the topic was of too taking a character not to have been made the excuse for numerous and virulent attacks upon the general body of the legal profession. Mr. Hughes was, no doubt, a solicitor, as well as a money scrivener, or agent for investments; but it ought to be borne in mind that it was in the prosecution of the last-mentioned calling that the frauds of which he has been found guilty occurred. His professional position facilitated the perpetuation of the frauds in the manner adopted by him; but there can be little doubt that every profession affords facilities peculiar to itself for doing things equally fraudulent. It is a fact worthy of notice, however, that in nine cases out of every ten in which solicitors are brought under the notice of the public as defaulters, they have been

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## PROTECTING THE "RECOGNISED DEALER" SYSTEM

IN *Morris Motors, Ltd. v. Lilley* [1959] 1 W.L.R. 1184, Morris Motors were concerned to protect their system of sales through "recognised dealers" only: they sought an injunction against an unauthorised dealer from advertising, offering for sale or selling any motor car, not being a new motor of their manufacture, as and for such a car, and from falsely representing that any motor car of their manufacture was new when it was known not to be new.

The car in question was for all practical purposes a new car: it had only been driven 130 miles when offered as a new car, and those miles were the necessary ones to effect delivery to the unauthorised dealer. What had happened was that the customer who had ordered the car through the proper channels decided, when the car was delivered to the authorised dealer from whom it had been ordered, that he would make a quick profit of £10 by selling it straight away to a dealer willing to pay that extra money.

### Manufacturer's goodwill

What harm, one may ask, is done by the offer by the unauthorised dealer of a car, which is unused, as a new car? So far as the physical condition of the car is concerned the answer no doubt is "none at all." But there are other matters of importance on the sale of a new car both to the manufacturer and to the using purchaser. First, the manufacturer is entitled to refuse to recognise any dealer as an "authorised dealer" if he so chooses: his goodwill is tied up with the local garage, for, if bad service is given, that will reflect on the manufacturer's nomination of a poor garage; and this is important on the sale of a new car since it is usual to give a twelve months' guarantee in relation to a new car and to give it to the first retail customer obtained through authorised dealers. It is a system of benefit to customer and manufacturer and it is therefore understandable that any breach in the defences of that system should be plugged. An offer of a new car for sale by a garage might well be taken to mean that the garage was an authorised dealer.

In this particular case the car had been taxed by the authorised dealer and number plates had been affixed to it, and these facts were taken by the judge as sufficient to say that the car ceased to be new as a result. His lordship said that he would decide that a car is new when it leaves the manufacturer's hands and remains new until it is made the subject of a retail sale by a distributor or dealer, it is registered with the local county council, number plates are put on it and it is driven away by the purchaser.

### The guarantee

The action was brought by the manufacturers but, as has been said, the purchaser suffers if he is not clearly aware,

when he buys, just what the situation is. If he makes inquiries about the guarantee then, unless some misrepresentations are—and there is no suggestion of that in this case—he will know that the car is technically second hand and in that case he is buying with his eyes open. It is an interesting question whether he might not, in some respects, be better off, for whilst he loses the express obligation which the manufacturers assume towards purchasers of new cars, he gains the common-law and statutory warranties and conditions implied on a sale of goods against the garage.

In this case the terms of the guarantee were (*inter alia*):

"The goods supplied by or for Morris Motors Limited (hereinafter called 'the company') are supplied with the following express warranty which excludes all warranties, conditions and liabilities whatsoever implied by common law, statute or otherwise."

Then follows a clause indicating that the warranty extends only to new vehicles, followed by a list of items to which it does not extend. Clause 2 reads:

"2. For a period of twelve months from the date on which goods are delivered to the first owner-user thereof the Company will exchange or repair any part which needs replacing or repair by reason of defective material or workmanship."

This type of "guarantee" is not uncommon, and though it is somewhat restrictive, in practice good firms do not argue about "defective workmanship" not being the cause of any trouble unless there are strong grounds for suspicion that a breakdown was caused in some other way. Consequently one has a clearly defined obligation which the first owner-user will find in most cases will give him the protection he requires against the possibility that his vehicle is not up to standard.

The remedy of the purchaser from the authorised dealer will be non-existent unless an obligation is expressly undertaken, where he buys the car under its trade name (proviso to s. 14 (1) of the Sale of Goods Act, 1893). In other cases the onus will be on the purchaser to show that any trouble which arises in the use of the car arises from some breach by the seller of the express or implied terms of the contract between them. This may or may not prove equally as valuable as the express terms of the manufacturers' obligation to the first owner-user, and though he will have no claim in contract against the manufacturer, any claim which is supportable in tort against the manufacturer remains open to him. In the latter respect he is in a better position than the first owner-user because the express terms of the "guarantee" (assuming that they have been accepted by the first owner-user) exclude "all . . . liabilities whatsoever implied by common law . . ."

L. W. M.

### Honours and Appointments

Mr. GEORGE COLES BARBER, solicitor, of Bradford, has been appointed an additional director of Allied Industrial Services, Ltd.

Mr. W. REX CAFFERATA, solicitor, of Liverpool, has been appointed vice-president of the Incorporated Law Society of Liverpool.

Miss B. V. ENTWHISTLE, solicitor and deputy town clerk of St. Albans, has been appointed town clerk.

Mr. WILLIAM LLOYD MARS-JONES, M.B.E., Q.C., has been appointed Recorder of the Borough of Birkenhead.

Mr. L. V. POWELL, deputy town clerk of Kingston-upon-Thames, has been appointed town clerk with effect from 1st June in succession to Mr. A. B. Rogers, who is retiring.

Mr. GRAHAM RUSSELL SWANWICK, M.B.E., Q.C., has been appointed Recorder of the City of Leicester. Mr. Swanwick will relinquish his Recordership of Lincoln.

## THE TRIAL OF WARDROPE

*W* was recently tried for murder at the Central Criminal Court by Edmund Davies, J., and a jury. He was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to five years' imprisonment. What makes his trial exceptional is that he put up six defences and that on two of them his lordship gave important decisions. The facts were as follows.

*W* and the deceased were each other's best friend—one is a well-built, strong man of fifty-five; while the other was a frail, little man of eighty-one. On the night of 18th July, 1959, they were drinking happily together at a public-house in the company of two women friends, who at the time stayed with the deceased at his flat nearby. Well before closing time the deceased and the two women left for home, as did *W* at closing time. In the licensee's own words, they all had had enough. Just as *W* was leaving, one of the women came back and persuaded him to go with her to the deceased's flat to pacify the old man, who was inclined to be argumentative and bad-tempered when in drink. On *W*'s arrival at the flat, a controversy of no consequence arose between the two men; but suddenly the deceased emerged from the bedroom, stripped to his underclothes and armed with a brass-buckled belt. Without warning or apparent reason, and to the amazement of the other three, he said to *W*: "What are you doing here, you bastard?"—and struck him twice with the belt. The first time the buckle landed just above *W*'s left eye, wounding him and causing him to bleed profusely; then, before *W* could stop him, the deceased flicked the belt again and struck him near the shoulder. Now *W* gave the deceased one or two blows with his fist, and the two men fell down—*W* on top of the deceased—and the unequal struggle continued on the floor. Ultimately, *W* managed to get up, told the women he would see them on the following day, and departed. This was somewhere between 11 p.m. and 11.15 p.m. The deceased remained lying on his back and, in answer to one of the women, mumbled some unintelligible words. The two women then went to bed and left him untouched on the floor, believing there was nothing radically wrong with him. Previously the deceased had often fallen on the floor after drinking, and they had left him there until he recovered. Between 12.30 and 1 a.m., a neighbour heard loud and persistent knocks at the deceased's flat door; but whether the knocking was from within or from the outside, it was not possible to tell. However, when the two women woke up next morning they found their friend to be dead and lying apparently where they had left him. They then went to *W*, and the trio reported at once to the police. *W* made one written and several oral statements to the police: he orally admitted once having kicked the deceased, but the written statement contained no reference to kicking. Moreover, in his evidence at the trial, *W* denied having deliberately kicked the deceased and asserted that when he left the flat the deceased did not appear to be injured. When he was attacked he feared the deceased might be nasty and use a knife.

### Medical evidence

The post-mortem examination, which was carried out on the morning of 20th July, disclosed numerous and severe injuries to the face, the head and the trunk, besides superficial contusion of the brain. The injuries to the eye and the mouth were consistent with fist blows, while all the other injuries were consistent with kicking or falling on furniture. Of these, the buckling in of the chest was also consistent with

the defendant's falling on the deceased, whereas the scattered bruises and the fractured ribs at the back might have occurred during a scuffle. Death supervened thirty to thirty-six hours previous to the examination, and was due to the inhalation of blood from facial injuries. Intoxication and the bruising of the brain would reduce the level of consciousness and encourage a fatal inhalation of the blood. It was further ascertained that the blood of *W* and that of the deceased belonged to the same group, and that the blood of the deceased contained 193 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millimetres, the analyst declaring that such a proportion of alcohol in the blood would alter a man and appreciably reduce his responsive capacity. Finally, *W*'s clothes and those of the deceased were found to be extensively stained. The stains on *W*'s jacket were consistent with the blood being mostly *W*'s, whereas the stains on the lower parts of his trousers were consistent with these parts having been in close contact with the source of blood. As to the stain along the welt of *W*'s shoe, it was consistent with kicking having taken place while the wearer was lying on the floor. No attempt had been made by *W* to remove any of the stains. The clothes of the deceased, on the other hand, had been watered down over the chest front and around the shoulders, as if water had been thrown over them, while a pool of blood-stained water was found on the floor under the neck and shoulders of the deceased. A small pool of blood lay a few feet away, and there was nothing to show that the body had been dragged from this pool to where it was found lying.

### The defence

All this was common ground, so that in the end only two points of difference remained unresolved between the contending parties as regards the expert evidence. The eminent pathologist called by the prosecution deposed (1) that a person who had suffered such head injuries as the deceased had done would not be able to get up and go to the sink to wash; and (2) that the injuries to the deceased—either collectively, or those to the ear and jaw separately—were such that they would have most likely caused death, in spite of proper treatment and independently of the inhalation of blood by the deceased. For the defence, a pathologist of equal standing, but who had not seen the body, gave it as his considered opinion (a) that the immediate effect of head injuries—including the head injuries described in court—was such that it would not be possible to predict what one who suffered from them would or would not be able to do; and (b) that with proper attention, the deceased would have had at the outside 25 per cent. chances of survival as regards his chest injuries, and 95 per cent. as regards the others.

The defence contended as follows: (a) that whatever *W* did was done in self-defence. (b) That while on the floor, *W* and the deceased were lying with the head of one by the feet of the other; that the deceased was pinching and pulling *W*'s feet; and that *W* was kicking in self-defence, not knowing where the blows were falling or the nature of their effect. (c) That owing to his drunken state, *W* imagined a non-existent danger or exaggerated the danger confronting him, and accordingly used such means of self-defence as were commensurate with the imagined or exaggerated danger. (d) That after the women had gone to sleep the deceased had got up and gone to the sink to wash, and that on his way there and back had sustained falls which caused the injuries—other than those to the mouth and eye—and that

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it was he who banged on the flat door between 12.30 and 1 a.m. (e) Alternatively, that before the two women went to sleep, they tried to revive the deceased by throwing water over him, but by reason of their incompetence they caused him to inhale blood—an endeavour which, in consequence of their intoxication, they had completely forgotten. (f) That *W* was provoked and reasonably reacted with a couple of fist blows. (g) That, owing to his intoxication, *W* was not capable of forming the specific intent required for the offence of causing bodily harm with the intent to do grievous bodily harm or that of wounding with such intent.

### New law

Now the House of Lords had decided that the prosecution had to negative accident (*Woolmington v. Director of Public Prosecutions* (1935), 25 Cr. App. R. 72), while the Court of Criminal Appeal had laid down that it was for the prosecution to negative self-defence (*R. v. Lobell* (1957), 41 Cr. App. R. 100) and provocation (*R. v. McPherson* (1957), 41 Cr. App. R. 213). As to drunkenness, however, there was no direct high authority. True, it was said fifty years ago in *R. v. Meade* (1909), 2 Cr. App. R. 54: "Everyone is taken to intend the natural consequences of his acts, but this presumption may be rebutted . . . in the case of a man who is drunk by showing his mind to have been so affected by the drink he had taken that he was incapable of knowing that what he was doing was dangerous, i.e., likely to inflict serious injury. If this be proved, the presumption that he intended to do grievous bodily harm is rebutted." Moreover, in *R. v. Monkhouse* (1849), 4 Cox, C.C. 55, a case over 100 years old, Coleridge, J., said: "Drunkenness is ordinarily neither a defence nor excuse for crime, and, where it is available as a partial answer to a charge, it rests on the prisoner to prove it." This passage was only incidentally cited in *R. v. Beard* [1920] A.C. 479, 507, because the burden of proof was not under consideration before the House of Lords. But it was adverted to in *Hill v. Baxter* [1958] 1 Q.B. 277, by Devlin, J., who, considering the question to be still open to argument, said this: "In any crime involving *mens rea* the prosecution must prove guilty intent, but if the defence suggests drunkenness as negating intent, they must offer evidence of it, if, indeed they do not have to prove it (*Beard's* case, at p. 507). It would be quite

unreasonable to allow the defence to submit at the end of the prosecution's case that the Crown had not proved affirmatively and beyond reasonable doubt that the accused was at the time of the crime sober, or not sleepwalking or not in a trance or blackout. I am satisfied that such matters ought not to be considered at all until the defence has produced at least *prima facie* evidence. I should wish to reserve for future consideration when necessary the question of where the burden ultimately lies." Although *Beard's* case, *supra*, was referred to at Wardrope's trial, the last two quoted passages were overlooked. In any event, it was laid down in *Woolmington's* case, *supra*, that—insanity and statutory provisions to the contrary apart—the burden of proof of guilt lies upon the prosecution, and it is not for the defence to prove innocence (at pp. 95-96). Upholding the submission made on *W's* behalf, his lordship ruled that where—as in this case—there was some evidence of drunkenness in the accused, it was for the prosecution to prove that he was not so affected by drink as to render him incapable of forming the necessary intent.

The learned judge upheld another submission made on *W's* behalf in connection with the defence of self-defence cum drunkenness. Both in *Marshall's Case* (1830), 1 Lew., 76 C.C. and in *R. v. Gamlen* (1858), 1 F. & F. 90, the jury were directed that, in considering whether the prisoner acted under a bona fide apprehension of an attack upon himself, they might take into account his state of intoxication. Yet the application of the subjective test does not obtain in provocation (*R. v. McCarthy* (1954), 38 Cr. App. R. 74). A fundamental difference, however, was drawn between acts in self-defence, which the law excuses, and retaliation on provocation, which the law frowns upon and barely tolerates. Accordingly, his lordship directed the jury that a person whose judgment was so impaired under the influence of drink that he imagined himself being attacked would be entitled to take such steps in self-defence as were called for and necessary to meet the imagined attack. But in these circumstances—as distinct from those where the measures adopted for self-defence are commensurate with an attack that is real or not exaggerated—he would not be acquitted altogether, because he could not be wholly exonerated. The verdict must be manslaughter, by reason of his initial fault of getting drunk.

J. Y.

### THE SOLICITORS ACT, 1957

On 16th December, 1959, an order was made by the Disciplinary Committee constituted under the Solicitors Act, 1957, that the name of James Gaukroger, formerly of "The Cottage," Paxford, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, and now c/o The G.P.O., Broadway, Worcestershire, be struck off the Roll of Solicitors of the Supreme Court, and that he do pay to the applicant his costs of and incidental to the application and inquiry.

On 16th December, 1959, an order was made by the Disciplinary Committee constituted under the Solicitors Act, 1957, that there be imposed upon Sydney Gordon, of Fowler Buildings, No. 7 Victoria Street, Liverpool, a penalty of £100 to be forfeit to Her Majesty, and that he do pay to the complainant his costs of and incidental to the application and inquiry.

On 16th December, 1959, an order was made by the Disciplinary Committee constituted under the Solicitors Act, 1957, that the name of Albert Edward Maith, of No. 7 St. George's Gate, Doncaster, be struck off the Roll of Solicitors of the Supreme Court, and that he do pay to the applicant his costs of and incidental to the application and inquiry.

### FEES AND STAMPS

The Supreme Court Fees (Amendment) Order, 1959 (S.I. 1959 No. 2262), amends the Supreme Court Fees Order, 1930: the fee for the issue of a commission to a commissioner for oaths is raised from £5 to £10, and the fees payable to officers of the court for administering an oath on an affidavit and for marking an exhibit are increased from 2s. 6d. and 1s. 6d. to 5s. and 2s. respectively. The Supreme Court (Non-contentious Probate) Fees (No. 2) Order, 1959 (S.I. 1959 No. 2263), amends S.I. 1958 No. 161 by increasing the fees payable to officers of the court for administering an oath on an affidavit and for marking an exhibit from 2s. 6d. and 1s. 6d. to 5s. and 2s. respectively. The Bankruptcy Fees (Amendment) Order, 1959 (S.I. 1959 No. 2261), amends the Bankruptcy Fees Order, 1952: the fees payable to Official Receivers and officers of the court for administering an oath on an affidavit and for marking an exhibit are raised from 2s. 6d. and 1s. 6d. to 5s. and 2s. respectively; the fees payable in respect of the working time and allowances of officers of the court and registrars who are required to perform duties away from the court office are also increased. All the 1959 Statutory Instruments referred to above came into operation on 1st January.

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## SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

THE Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899 (which together with certain later amending legislation may be cited under the description used as a heading to this article) was an Act "to empower local authorities to advance money for enabling persons to acquire the ownership of small houses in which they reside." Originally, the market value of the house for the acquisition of the ownership of which the advance was made could not exceed £400. Inflation, assisted perhaps by changes in social policy, has gradually raised this limit to £5,000, and in some districts at any rate prospective purchasers seek an advance under these Acts, in preference to one from a building society. Yet the 1899 Act, particularly the part of it devoted to the remedies of the local authority upon the borrower's default, is little understood.

Under s. 3 of the Act a house the ownership of which has been acquired by means of an advance under the Act shall until the advance is repaid be held subject to certain specified conditions, the first of which is that every sum for the time being due in respect of principal or of interest shall be punctually paid. The section then provides (subs. (3)) that where default is made in complying with any of these conditions (with an immaterial exception) the local authority may either take possession of the house, or order the sale of the house without taking possession. As will be seen, these are technical expressions and, between them, they seem to constitute the only remedies to which a local authority may resort in the event of default; there is, apparently, no power to bring an action for the amount due on the borrower's covenant, or to foreclose.

## Possession and disposal of house

The first of these remedies is dealt with in s. 5, the marginal note to which is "Recovery of possession and disposal of house". It provides that where a local authority take possession of a house, i.e., under s. 3, all the estate, right, interest and claim of the proprietor shall vest in and become the property of the local authority, and that authority may either retain the house under their own management or sell or otherwise dispose of it as they think expedient. The words "sell or otherwise dispose of" seem not to bear any special meaning, such as the expression "order a sale" has in this Act, and it would appear that if the authority take possession they can sell in any manner, e.g., by private treaty. Where the local authority take possession of a house they must pay to the proprietor either such a sum as may be agreed, or a sum equal to the value of the interest in the house at the disposal of the local authority, after deducting any unpaid principal and interest, such value "in the absence of a sale and in default of agreement" to be settled by arbitration, as provided. The words "in the absence of a sale and in default of agreement" indicate that where there has been a sale under this section (sales by an authority under the power "to order a sale," as will be seen, are regulated by their own code), i.e., where an authority have taken possession and then sold, *and* there is no agreement between the authority and the proprietor as to what sum is to be paid to the latter following the extinction of his interest in the house, the proprietor is still entitled to some payment, and as no provision is made in that event for fixing its amount, it may be arguable that the proprietor is entitled to the whole of the purchase

price received by the authority (after deduction, of course, of allowable deductions). (The expression "the proprietor" which is used here and elsewhere in the Act is defined, in effect, to mean the purchaser of a small dwelling or his successor in title.)

## "Ordering a sale"

The procedure as to "ordering a sale" set out in s. 6, which provides that where a local authority order a sale without taking possession, they shall cause the house to be put up for sale by auction, and out of the proceeds of sale retain any sum due to them and pay over the balance (if any) to the proprietor (subs. (1)). But if the local authority are unable at the auction to sell the house for such a sum as will allow of the payment out of the proceeds of sale of what is due to the authority, they may take possession of the house, but shall not then be liable to pay any sum to the proprietor (subs. (2)). These last few words have been the subject of two decisions.

In *Re Brown's Mortgage; Wallasey Corporation v. A-G.* [1945] Ch. 167, the original proprietor of a small dwelling mortgaged to the plaintiffs died intestate and his widow became the administratrix of his estate. The facts are not very clearly stated in the report, which simply states that shortly after the death the widow requested the plaintiffs to foreclose (*sic*) and handed over the keys of the house to the town clerk, and that in view of this request and the arrears the plaintiffs applied, and obtained, leave to enforce their power of sale (presumably, under the Courts (Emergency Powers) Acts). The property was put up for sale by auction, but the reserve price was not reached and it was withdrawn. Some years later the property was believed to have increased greatly in value, and the plaintiffs, wishing if possible to give the benefit of this increase to the widow, took out a summons asking whether, in view of s. 6 (2) of the Act, they were at liberty to do so. Cohen, J. (as he then was), answered this question in the negative. The plaintiffs were trustees for the ratepayers, and unless they were liable to make this payment, they could not properly do so. It was argued on behalf of the plaintiffs that the words "shall not be liable to pay" did not mean "shall not pay," and that the plaintiffs were left with an option to pay if they desired, but the learned judge felt unable to take that view.

## Re Caunter's Charge

That seemed to be a very hard decision to Danckwerts, J., in the recent case of *Re Caunter's Charge; Bishop v. Southgate Corporation* [1959] 3 W.L.R. 822. In this case the plaintiff was a second mortgagee and the defendants were first mortgagees on the security of a charge under the Act. The proprietor fell into arrears under the latter charge, and the defendants obtained an order for possession (as they were entitled to do, under s. 5 of the Act) in the county court. They then sold the mortgaged property (with vacant possession) and obtained a price more than sufficient to pay off all that was due to them. The plaintiff claimed the surplus, but the defendants refused to account therefor, claiming that they were entitled and bound to retain it for the benefit of their ratepayers. This claim appears to have been based on *Re Brown's Mortgage*, but as the defendants had taken



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possession, s. 6 (1) clearly did not apply, as the learned judge pointed out, and it would seem to follow inevitably that s. 6 (2), on the concluding words of which the earlier decision rested, equally could have no application. This would appear to be the true foundation of this decision, but Danckwerts, J., did nevertheless make certain observations on the earlier case, and held that it did not apply to a second mortgagee. As to a proprietor, "It seems to me remarkable," he said, "that [he] should be entirely expropriated, as was held in *Re Brown's Mortgage*, without either the formality of a foreclosure action or anything of that sort, and without, therefore, the traditional protection afforded by the Court of Equity to a borrower who finds himself in difficulty with regard to repayment of the loan." The position of a second lender was, in his view, even harder.

#### Difficulty about decision

The difficulty about this decision is that if s. 6 did not apply, the only other provision which would apply was s. 5, under which the defendants must have proceeded. But while s. 5, as has been seen, requires the local authority to make a payment to the proprietor whose interest in the property is entirely extinguished, it is silent on the position of other persons having concurrent interests in the property with the proprietor, e.g., a second mortgagee. Is the answer this, that while there is neither an express obligation upon, nor an express authority for, the local authority to make any payment

to a second mortgagee, so far as the Act is concerned, the local authority when they take possession take the property subject to the ordinary liabilities of a mortgagee, one of which is (in certain events) to make payments to later incumbrancers? In the course of his judgment Danckwerts, J., said that he could not see "anything in the Act which requires the chargee to be deprived of a chargee's rights to repayment by reason of the default of the proprietor," and these words point in the direction of the conclusion which I have indicated.

If that is so, then at some points at least this legislation, which was quite clearly intended to provide a self-contained code of its own so far as the remedies and duties of the local authority were concerned, has failed to live up to its expectations. Is there, then, any point in its continued survival? Houses now come within its ambit which could never have been contemplated originally as candidates for advances, and there is good reason for putting mortgage advances granted by local authorities on the same footing as advances made by building societies and individuals. The remedies of the latter class of lenders are perfectly adequate, and, as *Re Brown's Mortgage* shows, not all local authorities are happy about some of the provisions of this Act. The replacement of the existing powers by a simple power for local authorities to lend on mortgage in certain specified cases would not require complicated legislation, and perhaps some private member's bill may one of these days effect this useful and hardly controversial change.

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## HERE AND THERE

### THE TRAVELLER'S OVERCOAT

ONE of the recognised ways for an unappreciated young lawyer to try to make a start is to write a text-book, but unfortunately for beginners there are now very few subjects still unrepresented in the law publishers' catalogues. However, a case recently decided in the Dublin Circuit Court suggests a field of research hitherto completely untouched. There is room on the library shelves for a slim original volume on the law relating to clothing. In the Dublin case a company director was suing two hotels which had refused to serve him lunch so long as he continued to wear his overcoat at table, although he had explained to the waiters (1) that he had been ill and was sensitive to the coldness of the day, and (2) further, or in the alternative, that the pockets contained valuable papers which he wished to keep under his personal supervision. The learned judge held that the plaintiff was a traveller, that his overcoat was in good condition and that his insistence on retaining it did not constitute a reasonable excuse absolving the defendants from their innkeepers' obligation to supply him with a meal. The bona fide traveller is a long-standing problem to Irish hotels. In the *Irish Law Times Reports* you may find a decision (*Hoban v. Royal Hibernian Hotel, Ltd.* (1945), 80 Ir. L.T. Rep. 61) in which a character living in the North Circular Road, about two miles or a ten minutes' bus ride from the centre of Dublin, felt so strongly about being refused coffee and biscuits in the lounge of the Royal Hibernian that he vented his indignation in an action at law. Although he was held not to be a "traveller" he had the satisfaction of establishing that the Royal Hibernian is a "common inn." It is a wonder that no one with a taste for a practical joking has followed that up by bringing in a party of tinkers from Killorhlin to assert their rights as "wayfaring men."

### SUMPTUARY LAWS

BUT the point of interest in the recent case (which may go to appeal, since a stay of execution was granted) lies in the attempt of the Dublin hotel keepers to revive and enforce the mediæval sumptuary laws. Throughout the Middle Ages and down to the reign of James I, clothing was paternally regulated by various Acts of Parliament with an eye to class distinction, prevention of extravagance and general seemliness. Thus in the time of Richard II sleeves were thought to have attained an inordinate width, and accordingly all below a certain rank were forbidden by statute to wear large hanging sleeves. A clerical author of the time had denounced them on various grounds—at table they dipped into the potage; they were "devil's receptacles," convenient for the secretion of stolen property. Is it on any such large grounds of public policy that the Dublin hotels object to overcoats? Have they a fear of the sleeves making soupy patterns on the tablecloth or of their silver vanishing into capacious "poachers' pockets"? Or were they thinking in terms of concealed guns and bombs?

### ROOM FOR DECISIONS

SUMPTUARY laws are hard to rationalise, but, since litigation is cheaper in Ireland than in England, a series of illuminating decisions might be obtained there at a relatively trifling cost if the hotels would co-operate to that end with a traditionally individualistic public. Suppose the customer had insisted on wearing his hat at table on the ground that he was bald and sick and cold—what then? There is an informal precedent for that. The late Serjeant Sullivan used to recall that in his youth there was a kindly old gentleman, a harmless lunatic, who habitually attended the Limerick County Court. His



only trouble was that he imagined that the top of his skull had fallen off and that he must keep his head covered to prevent his brain from catching cold. Whenever he arrived he would interrupt the proceedings with an application to the judge to be allowed to remain covered and eventually the announcement of the opening of the court would have the addendum "and Mr. Joyce may wear his hat." Ireland, of course is, for another reason, the very place for a series of test cases on propriety in costume since a very great deal of ecclesiastical thought has been concentrated on the matter there. Sin and dress came into the world together and they have presented parallel problems ever since. It is not a simple question of to strip or not to strip; even the graceful female body is not invariably at its best when at its barest; art can improve on nature. But Justice, furnished with her scales, and, doubtless, in tackling this problem, with a tape measure also, must determine what is sufficient, what is impermissibly super-

fluous. Here the hotel had objected to the overcoat. Suppose the complaisant customer had complied with the head waiter's requisition, had divested himself of his overcoat and then, with becoming dignity but intense eagerness to please, had started to remove his other garments one by one, at the same time begging the management to define their logical position. Would the manager have had the sang-froid to meet the case as did the distinguished civil servant when he found his secretary working in his shirtsleeves one broiling day? "Should it be any convenience to you," he said, in tones which chilled even that atmosphere, "to come in without your trousers, pray do not let any consideration for the Board prevent your doing so." A customer with an ingenuity in teasing the hotel might, of course, remove his trousers only to reveal beneath them a saffron Irish kilt. What would his legal position be?

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### House of Lords

#### INCOME TAX: EMPLOYERS' SCHEME TO PROVIDE HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO EMPLOYEES

##### Hochstrasser (Inspector of Taxes) v. Mayes

Viscount Simonds, Lord Radcliffe, Lord Cohen, Lord Keith of Avonholm and Lord Denning. 30th November, 1959  
 Appeal from the Court of Appeal ([1959] Ch. 22; 102 Sol. J. 546).

Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., was a very large company owning numerous factories in different places, and employing a very large staff, many of whom were required by their service agreements to be prepared to serve the employers wherever required. In order to assist in the housing of married male employees of certain grades, and to facilitate their transfer, the employers designed a scheme, whereby they assisted by interest-free loans to a certain extent towards the purchase of houses by such staff. The scheme further provided, *inter alia*, that if on transfer the employee wished to sell or let his house, he was to give an option to the employers to purchase it at a fair valuation; if the option was refused, he was free to sell it, but in either case the employers guaranteed him against any capital loss, provided that the house had been maintained in good repair. Employees who accepted the scheme were required to enter into formal agreements, the terms of which were in accordance with the provisions of the scheme. An employee, who had executed such an agreement, was transferred to a different part of the country, and sold his house, with the employers' consent, at a loss which was recouped to him pursuant

to the agreement. When it was sought to make him chargeable to income tax under Sched. E in respect of the sums so recouped, the case was taken before the General Commissioners, who decided in favour of the employee. The commissioners found as a fact that the employers introduced the scheme in order to secure a contented staff who would do their best in their work, it being well recognised that the transfer of a married man without the existence of such a scheme would involve him in worries and financial embarrassments. On appeal, Upjohn, J., held in favour of the taxpayer. The Crown, having appealed unsuccessfully to the Court of Appeal, now appealed to the House of Lords.

VISCOUNT SIMONDS said that if in such cases the issue turned, as it did, on whether the fact of employment was the *causa causans* or only the *sine qua non* of benefit, it must often be hard to draw the line and say on which side a particular case fell. It was for the Crown to prove that the tax was exigible, not for the subject to prove that his case fell within exceptions not expressed in the Act but arbitrarily inferred from it. It was for the Crown to prove that payments made under the agreement were a reward for the employee's services. But there was nothing express or implicit in the agreement which suggested that the payment was a reward for services. The salary earned by this employee compared favourably with salaries paid by other employers not operating a housing scheme, and was the same whether or not he took advantage of it. This suggested that there was some reason for the payment other than services rendered or to be rendered. Assuming that the agreement was not colourable, it was not relevant to ask what, if any, consideration moved from the employee and whether it was substantial or sufficient. This was a bargain which each side thought to be worth while.





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It was not established by the facts found by the commissioners, nor was it a legitimate inference from them, that the sum of £350 paid to the respondent was a reward for his services.

The other noble and learned lords agreed that the appeal should be dismissed. Appeal dismissed.

APPEARANCES: *Pennycuik, Q.C.*, and *Alan Orr (Solicitor of Inland Revenue)*; *Bucher, Q.C.*, and *H. H. Monroe (J. W. Ridsdale)*.

[Reported by F. H. COWPER, Esq., Barrister-at-Law]

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## Court of Appeal

### SERVICE OF WRIT OUT OF JURISDICTION

#### *Cuban Atlantic Sugar Sales Corporation v. Compania de Vapores San Elefterio Limitada*

Hodson and Ormerod, L.J.J. 24th November, 1959

Appeal from Wynn Parry, J.

R.S.C., Ord. 11, r. 1, provides: "... service out of the jurisdiction of ... notice of a writ of summons may be allowed by the court or a judge whenever ... (e) the action ... is one brought ... in respect of a breach committed within the jurisdiction of a contract whenever made ...". The plaintiffs were holders of bills of lading under which the defendant shipowners, a Costa Rican corporation, undertook to load sugar in Cuba and to deliver to one safe port in the United Kingdom at plaintiffs' option, to be declared 120 hours before the ship arrived off Land's End. The ship sank shortly after sailing, before the option could be declared. The contract was governed by American law and was subject to the Hague Rules. The plaintiffs sought and obtained leave, pursuant to R.S.C., Ord. 11, r. 1 (e), to serve notice of the writ, claiming damages for non-delivery, in Costa Rica, on the ground that there had been a breach of contract at every port within the United Kingdom, so that a breach had been committed within the jurisdiction. The shipowners appealed.

HODSON, L.J., said that, unless the words "United Kingdom port" were surplusage the writ was not covered by the rules as the phrase covered Scotland and Northern Ireland, which were outside the jurisdiction. The judge had accepted the argument that the shipowners, by their own wrongdoing in failing to provide a seaworthy ship, had deprived the plaintiffs of the power to nominate a port within the range; they had failed to deliver anywhere, and so had committed a breach in any port within the range. That conclusion was not open to the court. The question was not whether a breach must be deemed to have been committed, but whether a breach had been committed in the United Kingdom, and until a port within the jurisdiction had been nominated the shipowners were not in breach of any obligations. There was no direct authority, but there was authority under the old r. 1 superseded in 1921; *Bell & Co. v. Antwerp, London and Brazil Line* [1891] 1 Q.B. 103, and *Comber v. Leyland and Bullins* [1898] A.C. 524, supported the conclusion that there had been no breach within the jurisdiction. The breaches alleged, failure to take due steps to make the ship seaworthy and failure to arrive off Lands End, were both outside the jurisdiction.

ORMEROD, L.J., agreed. Appeal allowed.

APPEARANCES: *Michael Kerr (Holman, Fenwick & Willan)*; *J. F. Donaldson (Waltons & Co.)*.

[Reported by F. R. DYMOND, Esq., Barrister-at-Law]

[2 W.L.R. 26]

### RATING: SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES EXEMPTION

#### *Institution of Mechanical Engineers v. Cane (Valuation Officer) and Westminster City Council*

Hodson and Ormerod, L.J.J., and Wynn Parry, J.

1st December, 1959

Appeal from the Lands Tribunal.

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers was founded in 1847 as a voluntary association and later incorporated by Royal Charter, the object being "to promote the development

of mechanical engineering and to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas thereon," for which purpose the institution was empowered to encourage invention and research, to hold meetings for reading and discussing communications, to distribute proceedings, reports and papers, to co-operate with educational bodies and to do other things conducive to the attainment of its object. Membership of the institution was of great advantage to engineers, as they had the benefit of the educational facilities provided, of associating with other members of the profession, of receiving the reports of proceedings and other publications, and of enjoying a special professional status by virtue of their membership. The income of the institution was some £168,000, of which £138,000 came from members' subscriptions and the balance from investment income, sale of publications, and other sources. The cost of the publications distributed was about 30 per cent. of the annual subscriptions. The valuation officer made a proposal that the premises of the institution should be included in the valuation list on the ground that it was not entitled to the benefit conferred by s. 1 of the Scientific Societies Act, 1843, as a society "instituted for purposes of science exclusively" and "supported wholly or in part by annual voluntary contributions." The Lands Tribunal held that the institution was entitled to the benefit of the section, as the object was a purpose of science, and the subscriptions of the members of such an institution ought to be regarded as voluntary unless the value of the publications received approximated closely to the amount of the subscriptions. The valuation officer and the local rating authority appealed.

HODSON, L.J., delivering the judgment of the court, said that the first question, whether the institution's purpose was exclusively scientific, depended on the construction of the Charter. While it was true that the term "mechanical engineering" connoted a true scientific element, it must be considered whether in the ordinary usage of the term it could be said to refer exclusively to science; unless constrained by authority to hold otherwise, it was the opinion of the court that the term included something more than the science of mechanical engineering; it included also the practice and technique. The consideration of such cases as *Royal College of Surgeons of England v. National Provincial Bank, Ltd.* [1952] A.C. 631, *Battersea Metropolitan Borough Council v. British Iron and Steel Research Association* [1949] 1 K.B. 434, *Institute of Fuel v. Morley* [1956] A.C. 245, and *Institution of Civil Engineers v. Inland Revenue Commissioners* [1932] 1 K.B. 149, did nothing to displace such a view. Accordingly, the institution was not formed for the purpose of science exclusively. The meaning of "annual voluntary contributions" was considered in *Savoy Overseers v. Art Union of London* [1896] A.C. 296, which exploded an ancient heresy that "voluntary" was the opposite of "compulsory." The contractual advantage which members obtained from membership of such an institution was substantial, and the object of individual members in joining must be looked at separately from the purpose of the society itself. Here the members received not only the publications, but obtained the other corporate benefits of a society composed of professional men interested in the same subjects. There were many activities of the institution which were inducements to join, and, as was said in *Inland Revenue Commissioners v. Forrest* (1890), 15 App. Cas. 334, membership was accompanied by a certain amount of prestige. In such circumstances, the subscriptions could not be regarded as "voluntary," and on this ground also the institution was disqualified for the benefits of the Act. Appeals allowed. Leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

APPEARANCES: *Maurice Lyell, Q.C.*, and *Patrick Browne (Solicitor of Inland Revenue)*; *W. L. Roots, Q.C.*, and *F. A. Amies (Bristows, Cooke & Carpmal)*; *R. W. Bell (Allen & Son)*.

[Reported by F. R. DYMOND, Esq., Barrister-at-Law]

[2 W.L.R. 48]



**Chancery Division****PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE: WHETHER  
FOREIGN APPLICANT APPEARING IN  
PERSON MAY OPEN CASE THROUGH  
INTERPRETER***In re Trepca Mines, Ltd.*

Roxburgh, J. 20th October, 1959

Adjourned summons.

A foreign applicant, a resident of Switzerland, took out a summons for an order reversing the decision of the liquidator of a British company in voluntary liquidation rejecting his claim to be a creditor of the company. Evidence was filed in the normal way and the summons was adjourned into court for hearing on affidavit evidence with cross-examination of witnesses. Until the day of the hearing the applicant had been professionally represented, but at the hearing he appeared in person. He was unable to understand English and was incapable of conducting his case except through an interpreter.

ROXBURGH, J., said that the proceedings must be conducted in English, but the applicant could not have an advocate who was not a member of the Bar. Had he been able to advance any argument he would surely have said that he wanted to conduct the case himself through the medium of an interpreter; theoretically an interpreter was a mouthpiece, and not an advocate, but in fact when he translated counsel's question, the rules of evidence were broken and unless counsel or the judge knew the language they were powerless to prevent it. The question was entirely within the discretion of the court. The judge was entitled to have a case opened to him, and a case could not be opened by an interpreter without the judge's consent. The proceedings were not an action, but a summons in which all the evidence had been filed, subject to cross-examination, in English, and, the respondent making no objection in the exercise of his discretion, but not laying down any proposition of law, his lordship would read the summons and the affidavits in support, invite counsel for the respondent to read his evidence and then his lordship would read any affidavits in reply. His lordship would then be in a better position to see what justice required to be done. The court, accordingly, took that course. The applicant then produced a document showing that there would be a rehearing by a Serbian court in respect of a judgment which he had obtained against the company, although the company had not submitted to the jurisdiction of that court, and he asked, through an interpreter, for the summons to be adjourned pending the rehearing. His lordship was satisfied that, since it would be given in the absence of the company, the English court would not enforce the judgment of the Serbian court even if it were in the applicant's favour and refused the adjournment.

APPEARANCES: *L. G. Scarman, Q.C., Philip Sykes and Owen Stable (Freshfields).*

[Reported by Miss J. F. LAMB, Barrister-at-Law]

[1 W.L.R. 24]

**Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division****HUSBAND AND WIFE: MAINTENANCE:  
JUSTICES: WILFUL NEGLECT TO MAINTAIN:  
BURDEN OF PROOF***Stirland v. Stirland*

Lord Merriman, P., and Phillimore, J. 12th October, 1959

Appeal from Nottingham justices.

A husband, who had been involved in an accident in 1955, thereafter convinced himself that he had an injury to his knee and his back which made it dangerous for him to continue his work, and he in fact only worked spasmodically. From that date he was in and out of a mental hospital, to

which he was admitted for the fourth time in March, 1959. On 10th April, 1959, upon the husband's refusing to accept electro-convulsive therapy as advised on the ground that it would not help his back, and discharging himself from the hospital, the wife told him that she could not continue to live with him if he persisted in his refusal. She in fact ceased to live with the husband and obtained an order on the ground of his wilful neglect to provide reasonable maintenance for her and her infant child from 10th April, 1959, and divers dates before. No medical evidence as to the husband's physical or mental condition was adduced at the hearing. The husband appealed.

LORD MERRIMAN, P., said that the matter was a difficult one in so far as it fell to be considered in two distinct stages in which the onus was one way on the wife and the other way on the husband. The wife had to prove that, notwithstanding her being a separated wife, she was still entitled to maintenance and that the husband had wilfully neglected to provide it. That issue the justices had decided in her favour, and it was not, therefore, possible for the present court to say that, in the rather peculiar circumstances, the wife was not justified in temporarily refusing to resume cohabitation. Up to that point, the wife had plainly discharged the burden which prima facie was upon her. But if a man by some form of disablement was prevented from working and earning a living, that was very much a matter to be borne in mind in considering whether failure in fact to provide maintenance could be described as wilful neglect. That was perfectly clear in a case, for example, where a man was in hospital with a broken limb, which physically prevented him from working, but again the position might shift and the burden change if there was evidence that a perfectly simple operation would mend the limb and enable him to work with perfect safety. Just as that would be true in the case of a physical disablement, so it might properly be held to be true in a case of mental disability.

What, in substance, had been argued with great force on behalf of the husband was that he refused to have treatment because he suffered from the delusion that the electro-convulsive therapy was designed to put his back right, and he was satisfied that it would do no good to his back, and there was nothing whatever wrong with his head. Were that delusion proved to the satisfaction of the justices he (his lordship) was not prepared to say that, so long as that delusion existed, it might not have the same effect as the uncured injury to a limb. But in order to prove such a position, the burden plainly would lie upon the husband and would require evidence of a very potent character from some responsible witness from the mental hospital. The justices had found that although the husband was, clearly, mentally ill he did not appear to be so disordered as not to be responsible for his actions. In so far as the husband's case depended on his alleged mental disability it was for him to prove it and he had not begun to do so. The decision of the justices that, in the circumstances found by them, the wife could not be held to be a deserter could not be interfered with and the appeal should be dismissed.

PHILLIMORE, J., concurred.

APPEARANCES: *Charles McCullough (Sidney C. Elphick, for Clayton, Massey & Mason, Nottingham); R. D. Lynsbery (Church, Adam, Tatham & Co., for Healey & Smith, Nottingham).*

[Reported by Miss ELAINE JONES, Barrister-at-Law]

[1 W.L.R. 11]

**INCOME TAX: PATENTS**

A new pamphlet, No. 490 (1959), has been issued by the Board of Inland Revenue containing explanatory notes on income tax law and practice with regard to allowances in respect of expenditure on patent rights, and the taxation of sums received in respect of such rights. We understand that tax offices will supply copies of the pamphlet on request.

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**The Law of Real Property.** Second Edition. By R. E. MEGARRY, Q.C., M.A., LL.B., of Lincoln's Inn, and H. W. R. WADE, M.A., of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-Law. pp. lxxxviii and (with Index) 1112. 1959. London: Stevens & Sons, Ltd. £3 10s. net.

The first edition of this book was published in 1957, a second impression was prepared in 1958, and the second edition was published in 1959. These facts alone indicate the achievement by the authors of their object, which was defined in the preface to the first edition to be the statement of "the English law of real property within a reasonable compass and in a form which will be both intelligible to students and helpful to practitioners."

Text-books on conveyancing cannot cover adequately all the basic rules of the law of real property. Consequently solicitors frequently wish to refer to a text-book on that subject, and this is undoubtedly the most satisfactory for the purpose. Although it is beyond the needs of a student who is approaching the subject for the first time, a perusal of this book will undoubtedly be advantageous to one who wishes to obtain a thorough grasp of the law of real property. The section on conveyancing (p. 588 et seq.) is a particularly sound, although brief, introduction.

The present edition has been brought up to date in the thorough manner which can be expected from the authors. We note with pleasure that the attack on the conclusions usually drawn from *Re Forsey and Hollebone's Contract* [1927] 2 Ch. 397, continues. Mr. H. W. R. Wade, writing in the *Cambridge Law Journal* (1954), p. 89 et seq., fired some extremely accurate shots at the argument which leads us to make searches in the land charges registry before contract, and we hope the battle will continue until the view of the authors of this book is established.

Chapter 18, which deals with the social control of land, is a very useful introduction to a number of statutory provisions that are not easily assimilated into the law of real property. It is very helpful to students and others who wish to have a simple introduction to such subjects as town planning and rent restrictions.

Two minor clerical errors have been noticed. The preface to this edition states that the subject of licences has been transferred to chap. 10; in fact, the very excellent summary of this subject is contained in chap. 12 (p. 743 et seq.). On p. 1048 the word "not" has been inserted by error and in consequence the text makes the very surprising statement that it is houses of low rateable value ("not [sic] exceeding £40 in London and £30 elsewhere") that were decontrolled by the Rent Act, 1957. These are minor slips in what is otherwise a most accurate text.

**Underhill's Law Relating to Trusts and Trustees.** Eleventh Edition. By C. MONTGOMERY WHITE, Q.C., and M. M. WELLS, Barrister-at-Law. pp. clvii and (with Index) 684. 1959. London: Butterworth & Co. (Publishers), Ltd. £4 15s. net.

No practitioner dealing with the administration of trusts can afford to be without this work. Here is to be found a comprehensive statement of the law governing private trusts, the powers and duties of trustees and the powers and liabilities of beneficiaries. This book is already well known to many solicitors as a familiar and reliable authority on the law of its subject-matter. The latest edition notes the developments in the law of trusts since 1950 (when the tenth edition was published) and gives a useful exposition of the Variation of Trusts Act, 1958. The section dealing with a trustee's right to reimbursement and indemnity, including a consideration of *Re Grimthorpe* [1958] Ch. 615, is particularly interesting in the light of the wording of r. 31 (2) of the Supreme Court Costs Rules, 1959, to which we referred in our issue of 25th December (103 SOL. J. 1033).

Like its predecessor, the eleventh edition is attractively produced and helpfully indexed.

**The Law of Torts.** Second Edition. By HARRY STREET, LL.M., Ph.D., Solicitor. pp. lxxxvii and (with Index) 544. 1959. London: Butterworth & Co. (Publishers), Ltd. £2 15s. net.

The manner in which this work approaches the law of tort is rather different from that of most other books written for students of this branch of the law. Students have, however, found it to be a useful alternative or addition to the more established works on the law of tort.

This edition incorporates changes in the law which occurred before 1st May, 1959, and of particular importance is the Occupiers' Liability Act, 1957. Other sections of the work have been extensively rewritten, especially Pt. VI which deals with what the author refers to as "Economic Torts." We are impressed by the care with which this volume has been prepared but in certain places it seems to us that the subject-matter calls for a more detailed treatment. For example, when considering distress damage feasant, it is not said that the owner of land may not recapture an animal if it has escaped from his land and, in our view, cases such as *Clement v. Milner* (1800), 3 Esp. 95, and *Vaspor v. Edwards* (1702), 12 Mod. 658, deserve to be mentioned in this connection. On the whole, however, the text is adequate for the needs of the student and the many valuable footnotes, with references to other text-books and cases from other jurisdictions as well as English decisions, ensure that this book would also assist the practitioner.

The work also contains the usual tables of contents, cases and statutes and it is fully indexed.

**Introduction to Jurisprudence** with selected texts. By DENNIS LLOYD, M.A., LL.D., of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-Law. pp. xxiii and (with Index) 482. 1959. London: Stevens & Sons, Ltd. £2 5s. net.

This is an original and much needed book. In it, Professor Lloyd attempts to bridge the widening gap between commentary on law and commentary on commentary on law. He does this by combining in each chapter a critical survey of the original sources and a selection of extracts from them. This method brings the student quite painlessly into contact with the words of the greatest legal thinkers, and is, as such, a most worthwhile and laudable achievement.

Such a method can only succeed with a wide range of both extracts and selection of topics. Here Professor Lloyd is agreeably unconventional in using modern philosophic material on the one hand, and in venturing as far as Marxists and Scandinavian Realists on the other.

It is inevitable in a book of this length that there will be differences of opinion about selection of extracts. Thus, in the chapter on Marxist law, it is surprising to find no extract from or even reference to Pashukonis, whose ideas engendered by the demands of the New Economic Policy would have been of great interest to the contemporary British reader. It is regrettable also that the terms of reference of this chapter have been so construed as to exclude the works of Karl Renner.

The most surprising decision, however, is that of omitting any chapter devoted to the analysis of legal concepts. It is notorious, of course, that no two writers can agree on the province of jurisprudence despite the work of Austin and Professor Stone, so we must be content to register a difference of opinion on this point.

As an introduction to legal thinking, it is suggested that the worth of this book would in subsequent editions be enhanced by the provision of a bibliographical guide. At present the index is rather too highly selective to perform this valuable function. Such subsequent editions would in addition provide an opportunity for much needed unification of footnote references and the correction of such errors as have escaped the proof readers, e.g., Weldon for Weldon on p. 34, Howell-Smith for Nowell-Smith on p. 61.

**Income Tax Principles.** Fourth Edition. By H. A. R. J. WILSON, F.C.A., and K. S. CARMICHAEL, A.C.A. pp. ix and (with Index) 180. 1959. London: H. F. L. (Publishers), Ltd. 12s. 6d. net.

This book is designed to meet the requirements of students working for the intermediate accountancy examinations. It gives a comprehensive bird's-eye view of its subject and many helpful arithmetical examples. The book does not cater for law students, who, however, might profit by referring to it while they are reading the prescribed works covering the law of income tax. The success of this work in achieving its aims is amply shown by the fact that this is its fourth edition since it was first published in 1953.

## BOOKS RECEIVED

**The Law of Parliamentary Privilege.** By The Rt. Hon. THE VISCOUNT KILMUIR, G.C.V.O., Lord Chancellor. pp. 22. 1959. London: The Athlone Press. 3s. 6d. net.

**Oke's Magisterial Formulist.** Noter-up to Fifteenth Edition. By J. P. WILSON, Solicitor. pp. viii and 62. 1959. London: Butterworth & Co. (Publishers), Ltd., and Shaw & Sons, Ltd. 12s. 6d. net.

**Emmet on Title.** Fourteenth Edition. Second (Cumulative) Supplement to 31st October, 1959. By J. GILCHRIST SMITH, LL.D. pp. xxx and 172. 1959. London: The Solicitors' Law Stationery Society, Ltd. £1 5s. net.

**Ryde on Rating.** Supplement to Tenth Edition. By DAVID WIDDICOMBE, M.A., LL.B., of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-Law. pp. xx and 134. 1959. London: Butterworth & Co. (Publishers), Ltd., and Shaw & Sons, Ltd. 15s. net.

**The Oxford Lawyer.** Michaelmas, 1959, Edition. pp. 40. 1959. Oxford: The Oxford Lawyer. 3s. 6d. net.

**Paterson's Licensing Acts, 1960.** Sixty-Eighth Edition. By F. MORTON SMITH, B.A., Solicitor. pp. cxi and (with Index) 1791. 1959. London: Butterworth & Co. (Publishers), Ltd., and Shaw & Sons, Ltd. £3 10s. net.

**Farm Rents.** A comparison of current and post farm rents in England and Wales. By D. R. DENMAN, M.A., M.Sc., Ph.D., and V. F. STEWART, M.A. pp. 206. 1959. London: George Allen & Unwin, Ltd. £1 7s. 6d. net.

**The Town and Country Planning Act, 1959.** With General Introduction and Annotations. Being a reprint of Butterworths Annotated Legislation Service Statutes Supplement No. 116. By ROBERT SCHLESS, of Gray's Inn, Barrister-at-Law. pp. x and (with Index) 148. 1959. London: Butterworth & Co. (Publishers), Ltd. £1 5s. net.

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## Estate Duty—TRANSFER OF PROPERTIES TO A COMPANY

*Q.* I am representing a client who has properties valued at approximately £10,000. I am instructed to form a company so that a contract can be entered into by the client and the company, whereby the company agrees to purchase the properties at £10,000. The objects are to save (a) income tax and (b) estate duty. From the articles published last year the income tax savings are clear, but I am faced with the following estate duty problems. (a) The client has two children and is prepared to transfer to each child one-third of the issued shares. Can this be done in any way without the shares or the cash for the shares being a gift? (b) As the contract will not be fulfilled so as to save stamp duty how can estate duty be saved if the company's books show a debt due to the client in accordance with the contract? (c) Can the debt due from the company be waived without its being (in the eyes of the Estate Duty Office) a gift to the company? (d) Is there any other way to transfer the properties to the company so that the client merely has a one-third holding and no debt due to her?

*A.* (a) However you go about it the transfer of the shares to the children will be a gift to them. If your client gives cash to children to enable them to purchase the shares the property charged with duty will be the cash; see *Potter v. I.R.C.* (1958), T.R. 55. If your client transfers the shares as such the property charged with duty will be the shares which will fall to be valued as at the date of your client's death. (b) If your client agrees to sell the property for the company for £10,000 and the purchase money is left outstanding, and if she has parted with two-thirds of the shares more than five years before her death the position will be that her estate will consist of (i) a debt of £10,000 and (ii) one-third of the shares which will be valued on the basis that the company's assets consist of the properties at their then value burdened with a debt of £10,000. (c) Any such waiver would undoubtedly be a release within the Finance Act, 1940, s. 45 (2), so that the benefit taken by the company would be charged with estate duty as a gift. (d) It seems to us that the simplest and best procedure is for your client to enter into a contract with the company whereby she agrees to sell the properties to the company in consideration of the company allotting to her an appropriate number of shares credited as fully paid up. The company will do so on three renounceable allotment letters each for an equal number of shares. Your client will renounce one of them in favour of each child and will be registered herself in respect of the other third. Alternatively, if it is not desired to register the contract of sale with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies the same might be for £10,000 whereupon, by an exchange of cheques, the company would pay its debt of £10,000

and your client would subscribe in cash for £10,000 to be allotted as before. The company would be entitled to a conveyance of the properties and stamp duty would be payable when it got it.

## Husband and Wife—DIVORCE—WHETHER FACTS UNKNOWN AT TIME OF TRIAL CAN BE ASSERTED IN MAINTENANCE PROCEEDINGS

*Q.* The following are the brief facts of a matrimonial case in which we act for the husband. (1) The marriage took place in 1934. (2) The husband admitted adultery to his wife in October, 1958. (3) Divorce proceedings were commenced in about January, 1959. (4) The decree nisi was pronounced in April, 1959, and was made absolute on 27th August, 1959. (5) The parties slept together and had sexual relations from the admission of adultery in October, 1958, and during the divorce proceedings and, indeed, after the decree nisi, the last occasion being 19th August, 1959. It appears that the wife agreed to sleep with the husband on condition that he did not disclose the fact and the husband agreed to such a course in the hope that the wife would withdraw divorce proceedings. On it becoming clear that the wife did not intend to withdraw, the facts were communicated to the Queen's Proctor in July, 1959. Investigations were made and as there is no corroboration of the husband's story, the wife denying the same, the Queen's Proctor did not pursue the matter and the decree was made absolute. The husband did not defend the wife's petition nor reveal the true facts of the case at any time during the proceedings. The wife now proposes to apply to the court for maintenance. It would appear that, following *Duchesse v. Duchesne* [1950] 2 All E.R. 784, the husband is estopped from asserting matters inconsistent with the decree and from raising matters which were known to him and which might have been expected to provide an effective answer to the petition. Do you agree with this view or do you think that the reference of the matter to the Queen's Proctor, prior to the decree absolute, alters the husband's position?

*A.* The fact that the Queen's Proctor was informed of facts which, if substantiated, would have prevented the decree being made absolute does not in our opinion affect the issue. The *ratio decidendi* of *Duchesse v. Duchesne* is that a party is estopped from raising in maintenance proceedings matters which are inconsistent with the decree on grounds of public policy; it is undecided whether facts unknown at the time of the trial can be asserted in maintenance proceedings, but that is irrelevant here as the husband knew at the trial all that he now knows. *Duchesse* was approved by the Court of Appeal in *Nelson v. Nelson and Slinger* [1958] 2 All E.R. 744.

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## NOTES AND NEWS

### TRUSTEE INVESTMENTS

We set out below the paragraphs of the White Paper outlining the Government's proposals for widening the investment powers of trustees ("Powers of Investment of Trustees in Great Britain," Cmnd. 915, H.M.S.O., 6d.) :—

4. The Government therefore propose to introduce legislation which would allow trustees, subject to safeguards, not only to invest any part of the trust funds in a wide range of fixed-interest securities but also to invest up to half of the trust funds in shares of certain companies. Under these proposals a trustee, subject to any provisions in the trust instrument authorising or precluding a particular investment, would be authorised to invest trust funds in his hands in the following investments :—

(a) small savings securities issued by the United Kingdom Government or the Government of Northern Ireland (other than Premium Savings Bonds) of which the terms entitle the holder to encashment at par or above at not more than six months' notice ;

(b) deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank, the Ordinary Department of a Trustee Savings Bank or in any Savings Bank certified by the Treasury under Section 9 (3) of the Finance Act, 1956 ;

and in the following, but subject to the conditions set out in paragraph 5 below :—

(c) in England and Wales and Northern Ireland, mortgages of freehold property or of leasehold property of which the lease has not less than 60 years to run, or in Scotland heritable securities ;

(d) fixed-interest securities issued in the United Kingdom by H.M. Government or any public authority, nationalised industry or undertaking or local authority in the United Kingdom or of which the principal and interest is guaranteed by H.M. Government ;

(e) fixed-interest securities issued in the United Kingdom by a central, regional or local government or public authority of any Commonwealth country or United Kingdom dependent territory ;

(f) fixed-interest debentures (other than convertible debentures) issued by companies incorporated in the United Kingdom ;

(g) other securities which are at present authorised by law for investment by trustees ;

(h) deposits in the Special Investment Department of a Trustee Savings Bank ;

(i) fixed-interest sterling securities issued in London by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development ;

(j) convertible debentures or any stock or shares of any company incorporated in the United Kingdom ;

(k) shares of building societies "designated" under the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 ;

(l) units of Unit Trusts authorised by the Board of Trade.

5. The conditions mentioned in paragraph 4 are these :—

(1) Not more than half of the trust fund (or of any fresh addition to the trust fund) valued at the time of investment may be invested in the securities described in sub-paragraphs 4 (j) to (l) above. In order, therefore, to exercise his power of investment in securities of that kind a trustee would, at the outset, divide his fund into two parts. One part, to be invested only in the investments described in sub-paragraphs (a) to (i) of paragraph 4, would be not less than one-half of the trust fund valued at the time of the division ; the other part could be invested in any of the investments described above. The trustee would be authorised to invest money arising from such investments, e.g., on the repayment of capital, only in accordance with the conditions governing the investment of that part of the fund from which the money arose. But any fresh addition to the trust funds from outside would be divided and invested as if it were a new fund.

(2) Section 8 of the Trustee Act, 1925, and Section 30 of the Trusts (Scotland) Act, 1921 (which prescribe conditions as to the proportion of the value of property on which money may be lent, and the nature of the advice on which a trustee may rely), will continue in force as regards investment in mortgages

(3) No trustee, other than an institutional trust corporation (e.g., the Public Trustee, Banks, &c.), may invest in securities described in sub-paragraphs (d) to (l) of paragraph 4 except on written advice, from a competent professional adviser such as a stockbroker, accountant, or bank manager.

(4) No funds may be invested in any stock (other than bonds or mortgages of local authorities in the United Kingdom) or shares (other than building society shares) not quoted on a stock exchange in the United Kingdom or in any shares not fully paid up. (Provision would be made to allow investment in new issues.)

(5) No funds may be invested in any stock, shares or debentures of any company unless its total issued and paid up share capital is not less than £1 million and it has paid a dividend on all its issued share capital in each of the five years preceding the investment. (Provision would be made to allow investment in a company formed by the merger of companies that complied with this latter condition.)

(6) Not more than one-tenth of the fund or £250, whichever is the greater, may be invested in any one company, or Unit Trust, or in the shares of any one building society.

### THE LAW SOCIETY : EXAMINATION RESULTS

In The Law Society's Final Examination held on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th November, 1959, 221 of the 384 candidates passed. The Council have awarded the John Mackrell Prize to ROBERT RICHARD STEWART, LL.M. (Lond.), and the Charles Steele City of London Solicitors' Company Prize to DENNIS GEORGE EYRIEV.

In the Intermediate Examination, Law Portion, held on 12th and 13th November, 1959, 166 of the 285 candidates passed, the following being placed in the First Class : ERNEST NORMAN MATTHEWS ; PHILIP ROBERT MILLEST, M.A. (Oxon) ; JERROLD DAVID MOSER ; GODFREY RONALD RAMSELL ; JAMES ROWNSLEY ; MICHAEL ANTHONY ROBERTS.

### COUNTY COURT BENCH

His Honour Judge Beresford has ceased to sit as an additional judge in the district of the Birmingham County Court.

### SOLICITORS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

At the monthly meeting of the board of directors held on 30th December, 1959, twelve solicitors were admitted as members of the Association, bringing the total membership up to 8,365. Fifty-six applications for relief were considered, and grants totalling £7,345 9s. 0d. were made, £234 0s. 0d. of which was in respect of "special" grants for holidays, clothing, etc.

All solicitors on the Roll for England and Wales are eligible to apply for membership, and application forms and general information leaflets will gladly be supplied on request to the Association's Offices, Clifford's Inn, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4. The minimum annual subscription is £1 1s. 0d.

### EMPLOYMENT OF PRISONERS

An advisory council on the employment of prisoners, under the chairmanship of Sir Wilfred Anson, is to be appointed with the following terms of reference : "To be a standing council to advise on the organisation and management of industries in prison and borstals, including the supply of sufficient and suitable work ; the development of other forms of employment for inmates ; the industrial training of inmates ; and related questions."

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## THE MAYOR'S AND CITY OF LONDON COURT

The Mayor's and City of London Court Funds (Amendment) Rules, 1959 (S.I. 1959 No. 2254), amend the Mayor's and City of London Court Funds Rules, 1953. Rule 2 authorises payment by cheque for sums of 40s. or more sent by post, and abolishes the need for giving a receipt for such payments; smaller sums may be sent by money order, postal order or cheque at the registrar's discretion. Rule 4 increases the rate of interest allowed on money standing in an investment account from 3½ per cent. to 4 per cent. per annum. The remaining rules make amendments consequential on the supersession of the County Courts Act, 1934, by the County Courts Act, 1959.

## DEVELOPMENT PLANS APPROVED

The Minister of Housing and Local Government has approved with modifications the development plan for Herefordshire. The plan as approved will be deposited in the County Council Offices, Shire Hall, Hereford, for inspection by the public.

The Minister of Housing and Local Government has approved with modifications the development plan for Peak District National Park. The plan as approved will be deposited in the County Offices, Matlock, for inspection by the public.

## SIR SYDNEY LITTLEWOOD

Sir Sydney Littlewood retired from the firm of Wilkinson, Howlett and Moorhouse, of which he was senior partner, on 31st December. He will, however, still be connected with that firm in a consultant capacity. Sir Sydney was admitted in 1922 and joined his firm in 1924. He was a member of the Rushcliffe Committee on Legal Aid and became chairman of the Legal Aid Committee of The Law Society; his work in this field was recognised by a knighthood conferred on him in 1951. He became president of The Law Society last year and will so remain until his year of office ends in July.

## Personal Notes

Mr. SAMUEL LESLIE BEAUMONT, solicitor, of Hereford, has retired as Clerk to Hereford County Magistrates, an appointment which he has held for twelve years. He will not retire from his practice.

Mr. C. J. P. C. JOWETT, solicitor, of Yeovil, is retiring after thirty-eight years with Messrs. Batten & Co. He will continue in office as registrar to eight county courts in Somerset, Dorset and Devon. Mr. Jowett was elected president of the Somerset Law Society in 1958, and until his retirement three years ago he was deputy assistant coroner for South-East Somerset.

Mr. WALTER H. LEATHAM, solicitor and Town Clerk of Bradford, is retiring after forty-eight years' service with Bradford Corporation.

Mr. ROBERT LEWIS, solicitor, of Pwllheli and Blaenau-Festiniog, was married on 29th December at Blaenau-Festiniog to Miss Gwenan Lloyd Humphreys.

Mr. JOHN HUMPHREY PARSONS, solicitor, of Mold, was married recently at Ysceifiog, near Holywell, to Miss Dilys Parry.

## Wills and Bequests

Mr. WILLIAM BIRCH CARNLEY, solicitor, of Luton, left £59,030 net.

Mr. FRANCIS EDWARD HORTON, solicitor, of Whitchurch, left £32,303 net.

Mr. HERBERT VICTOR JAMES, solicitor, of Eastbourne, left £66,388 net.

Colonel H. V. E. JONES, solicitor, of Swansea, left £82,703 net.

Mr. HENRY EARLE MANISTY, solicitor, of London, left £57,657 net.

Mr. FRANCIS GOULD SMITH, solicitor, of Sleaford, left £38,928 net.

## Obituary

Mr. GEORGE HERBERT LEONARD BARNES, solicitor, of Weston-super-Mare, died on 29th December. He was admitted in 1914.

Mr. MAURICE FREDERIC CARTER, solicitor, of Newnham, Gloucestershire, died recently, aged 78. He was admitted in 1903. Mr. Carter was coroner for West Gloucestershire since 1907, and was for nearly fifty years clerk to the magistrates at Newnham.

Mr. JOHN BERESFORD HEATON, solicitor, of London, W.C.2, died on 25th December. He was admitted in 1921.

Mr. CHARLES FROUD HISCOCK, solicitor, of Southampton, died on 15th December. He was admitted in 1899.

Mr. SEISYLLT BLENYTH GORDON JENKINS, solicitor, of Llanidloes, died on 25th December, aged 53. He was admitted in 1929.

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CYRIL E. C. R. PLATTEN,  
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30th December, 1959.

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A. BROOK,  
Town Clerk.

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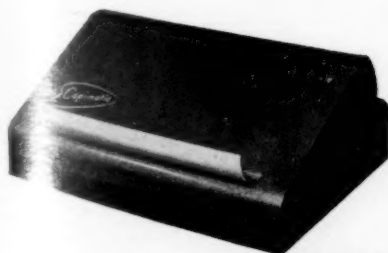
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